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### **ACE Accomplishments and Projected Milestones: 2003-2010 As of September 20, 2004**

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#### **ACE Accomplishments: 2003**

- March 1 – U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) became part of the new U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS).
- August – The ACE Ambassador Program, founded in 2002 to create a network of CBP employees who are “champions” of the Automated Commercial Environment (ACE), held two new ACE Ambassador certifications. The number of ambassadors doubled to a total of 86.
- September – More than 25 government agencies nominated for ACE/International Trade Data System (ITDS) integration in 2004.
- September 26 – The e-Customs Partnership (eCP) achieved Level 3 on the Capability Maturity Model ® for Software (SW-CMM ®), a significant rating of its software development processes.
- September 26 – Building requirements and critical designs for the Automated Commercial Environment (ACE) Secure Data Portal account revenue and electronic truck manifest processing features were approved.
- October – A revised ACE Program Plan providing comprehensive details about the program and its milestones was approved.
- October 17 – The ACE Secure Data Portal was officially launched with 41 importer accounts and CBP personnel supporting those accounts sharing information on line.
- November 1 – Sharon A. Mazur was named Acting Executive Director of the CBP Modernization Office (CBPMO) with the transfer of Charles R. Armstrong to Acting Assistant Commissioner for the Office of Information and Technology.
- November 5 – The CBP Modernization Office (CBPMO) achieved Level 2 on the Software Acquisition Capability Maturity Model®(SA-CMM®), becoming the first civilian government organization to receive this important acquisition process rating on a program-wide basis.

#### **ACE Accomplishments and Milestones: 2004**

- February – Federal Register Notice (FRN) invited designated brokers for participating importers to establish ACE accounts and announced the pilot testing of ACE account revenue features, including electronic periodic payments and statements similar to commercial credit card systems.
- February – FRN invited truck carriers to establish ACE accounts.
- Spring – Prototypes of new border security technology tested, including the Intelligent Information Factory (IIF), which provides more comprehensive analysis tools to the National Targeting Center (NTC).
- June – Pilot of periodic payment and other account revenue features began
- June 20 – New reporting features, ledger integration, notifications, alerts, and other enhancements were added to ACE Secure Data Portal, in addition to periodic payment pilot capabilities.



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- July 15 – For the first time in the 215-year history of the legacy U.S. Customs Service, importers were able to obtain a statement for all entries on a monthly basis, and pay duties and fees monthly. Since July 1789 importers had paid Customs duties on their goods *one entry at a time*.
- August 25 – The pilot of periodic payment features was completed and widespread operational use among ACE participants was approved.
- September 8 – FRN invited participation of established truck carrier accounts in a pilot for truck processing features, including Automated Truck Manifest.
- Fall – Pilot of truck manifest features to begin.
- Fall – First participating government agency (PGA), the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) of the U.S. Department of Transportation, will go on-line with ACE/ITDS. Other agencies, the Federal Communications Commission, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Food and Drug Administration, International Trade Commission, Maritime Administration, and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, will be completing integration of their operations into ACE/ITDS design and development. An additional 15 government agencies will be conducting development work throughout 2004.
- Fall 2004-Spring 2005 – ACE Secure Data Portal access will be expanded on a port-by-port basis to an initial seven land border ports.

#### **Projected ACE Milestones: 2005**

- February – Success of e-Manifest: Trucks pilot will be reviewed and determination will be made whether to expand for widespread operational use among ACE participants.
- By spring – Number of ACE users is projected to reach up to 20,000.
- By spring – Number of ACE accounts is projected to reach up to 1,100.
- By spring – Number of ACE Ambassadors is projected to double to nearly 160.
- February/March – Design and pilot test readiness reviews will be conducted for new Selectivity Foundation features.
- June/July – Pilot of Selectivity Foundation features will begin.
- July/August – Design of Targeting Foundation features to be reviewed.
- August – Design of new Account Revenue and Secure Trade Data features will be reviewed.
- September/October – Success of Selectivity Foundation pilot will be reviewed and a determination will be made whether to expand for widespread operational use among ACE participants.
- October/November – Pilot of Targeting Foundation features will begin.



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#### **Projected ACE Milestones: 2006**

- January/February – Readiness for pilot test of new Account Revenue and Secure Trade Data features will be reviewed.
- February/March – Success of Targeting Foundation pilot will be reviewed and determination will be made whether to expand for widespread operational use among ACE participants.
- June/July – Pilot of new Account Revenue and Secure Trade Data features to begin.
- August/September – Design and pilot test readiness review will be conducted for Advanced Targeting features.
- November/December – Success of new Account Revenue and Secure Trade Data features pilot will be reviewed and a determination will be made whether to expand for widespread operational use among ACE participants.
- November/December – Pilot of Advanced Targeting features to begin.

#### **Projected ACE Milestones: 2007**

- February/March – Success of Advanced Targeting pilot will be reviewed and a determination will be made whether to expand for widespread operational use among ACE participants.

#### **Projected ACE Milestones: 2008**

- January – Design review will be conducted for E-Manifest-All Modes, and Cargo Security features.
- April – Review of readiness for pilot test of E-Manifest-All Modes, and Cargo Security features will be conducted.
- April/May – Design and readiness for pilot test review will be conducted for Full Selectivity and Targeting features.
- September/October – Pilot of E-Manifest-All Modes, and Cargo Security features to begin.
- September/October – Pilot of Full Selectivity and Targeting features will begin.

#### **Projected ACE Milestones: 2009**

- February/March – Success of E-Manifest-All Modes, and Cargo Security features pilot will be reviewed and a determination will be made whether to expand for widespread operational use among ACE participants.
- February/March – Success of Full Selectivity and Targeting features pilot will be reviewed and a determination will be made whether to expand for widespread operational use among ACE participants.
- April/May – Design review will be conducted for Exports and Cargo Control features.



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- July/August – Review of readiness for pilot test will be conducted for Exports and Cargo Control features.
- December 2009/January 2010 – Pilot of Exports and Cargo Control features to begin.

#### **Projected ACE Milestones: 2010**

- May/June – Success of Exports and Cargo Control features pilot will be reviewed and a determination will be made whether to expand for widespread operational use among ACE participants.